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Applicants hereby respectfully request consideration and entry of the Information Disclosure Statement filed contemporaneously herewith. The references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement were cited on a European Search Report in a corresponding European patent application on November 16, 2004. The certification under Rule 97(e)(1) is filed herewith, as well as a check in the amount of \$180.00, pursuant to Rule 17(i)(1).

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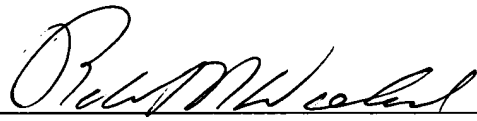
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Consideration and entry of the attached Information Disclosure
Statement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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[x] Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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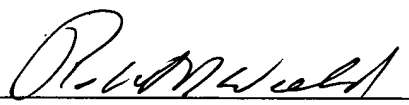
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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of each of the references listed on Form PTO-1449 are attached.

Also enclosed is a copy of a European Search Report bearing a mailing date of November 16, 2004, and the USPTO is directed thereto for a concise statement of possible relevance of the references cited therein.

The above information is presented so that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any

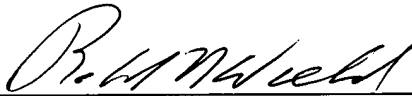
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materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 CFR §1.104(a) and §1.106(b) concerning the USPTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that these references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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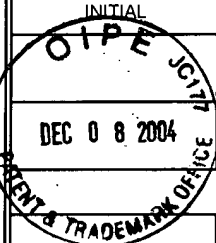
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This summarizes the discussion reported in an Interview Summary accompanying the Notice of Allowability mailed December 2, 2004, describing a November 3, 2004 telephone interview conducted by applicants' representative, Robert N. Wieland, with Examiner Thai Q. Tran.

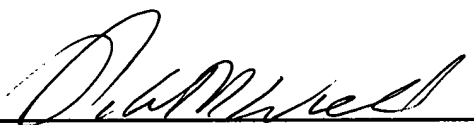
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In the interview, it was discussed and agreed upon to label
Figs. 6-10 as "Prior Art."

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